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SENTENCED,
WRIGHT DIES.Tragic End of Financier in
London Courtroom.Examination Points to Death
from Some Poison.Term of Seven Years in
Prison Not His Portion.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS-P.M.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Whittaker Wright died tragically today within thirty minutes after being sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. It is not yet positively known whether he died from natural causes or committed suicide; but there is every reason to believe he killed himself. The correspondent of the *World* is informed that Wright died of poisoning, probably by prussic acid taken in a capsule. The correspondent saw Wright, when disappearing down the stairway, in custody, after the sentence had been imposed, thrust his hand into his coat pocket, withdrawing it swiftly. Supervision of the prisoner was perfunctory, and he had full opportunity, if so disposed, to swallow the poison capsule. An examination of the body, late tonight, points strongly to death by poison.

LONDON, Jan. 26, 5 p.m. [By the *Atlantic* (N.Y.)] The trial of Whittaker Wright ended in a tragedy today. Within an hour after being found guilty and sentenced to seven years penal servitude, the most severe sentence the law allows, the fraud of which he was convicted, the financier whose colossal dealing have created a sensation on both sides of the Atlantic lay dead in the ante-room of the court. Whether Wright's death was due to heart disease, following the excitement of the trials, as announced by the doctor, or by poison, as grimly hinted by his friends, is still unascertained and possibly will not be ascertained until the Coroner's verdict. Standing with hands in his pockets and looking very pale, but no so anxious as during the judge's summing up, Wright heard the judge's condemnation and sentence without apparent excitement. He quietly protested his innocence, in a low voice, audible throughout the room, left the court in company with his solicitor and was arranging the future of his wife and family when he suddenly fell and expired without another word.

His solicitor, George Lewis, Jr., who was present at the time, said to a representative of the Associated Press: "Wright seemed to be struck not by the sentence, but he did not give the slightest indication either before or after his sentence of any intention to take his own life. Of course, no one can really tell the cause of death until the post mortem examination."

The general opinion tonight is that, while Wright fully deserved the verdict of guilty, the judge's whole conduct of the case was most partial, and that none of his codirectors was punished, he alone had to bear the punishment. Mrs. Wright, the widow, is in England.

After twelve days of trial, the jury in the King's Bench division of the High Court of Justice found Wright guilty of fraud on all the counts. Justice Bigham, in passing sentence, said he could see nothing to excuse the crime of which Wright had been convicted and he could not conceive of a worse case. He must, therefore, allot the most severe punishment the law permitted.

Wright, who had stood to receive his sentence, said in a firm voice:

"All I can say is that I am innocent of any intention to deceive as any one in this court."

Wright, who was then removed in custody, his friends said along that he was hopeful of his acquittal, they were certain he would not receive a sentence and would commit suicide. This, apparently, is what happened. Wright was removed from the court to a hospital as soon as he was taken ill, but he expired almost immediately.

In summing up, Justice Bigham said he would ask the jury to find a general verdict of guilty or not guilty. If they were satisfied that Wright was guilty of one or more of the charges they must not be deterred from finding a verdict of guilty by the suggestion that such a verdict would cast a slur on the memory of Lord Dufferin and Lord. It would not do anything of the kind. Their conduct was consistent, in their having honestly made.

Dealing with the evidence, Justice Bigham described as singular the way which thousands of pounds sterling became millions on paper, so far as the Lakeview shares were concerned. The London and Globe and Standard were gambling concerns which excited his indignation. In the course of his long experience, Justice Bigham said, he had never before seen anything like the proceedings of the London and Globe banking department of the London and Globe Financial Corporation. Justice Bigham concluded his reference to Wright's career by referring to the position which the defendant claimed to have occupied in New York and Philadelphia, and said Wright had built up a fine position for himself in two or three years and if it was necessary to secure a motive for his actions it would be found in his desire to maintain this position. At the same time, it was said that after the crash of the London and Globe Financial Corporation

he found himself with \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 in worthless securities.

The sentence was followed by a commotion in a distant part of the courtroom, and the faint cry of a woman in distress was heard. One man shook hands with Wright as the latter left the court by a private exit, accompanied by his counsel. Almost immediately afterward Wright was taken suddenly ill and collapsed in the anteroom of the court. He grew rapidly worse, and in less than an hour he was sentenced the financier was dead.

Under the sections of the act of Parliament, under which you have been indicted and which define the offenses in these circumstances, I do not think I have any option save to let you with the most severe penalty which the act permits, and that

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PITH OF NEWS FROM
THE MIDDLE WEST.

BY DIRECT WIRE

C HICAGO, Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Chicago had a clear winter day, with a raw wind: maximum 12 degs. above; minimum: above, Middle West temperatures: 10p: Bismarck, 14 below; Cairo 12; Cheyenne, 16; Cincinnati, 10; Cleveland, 12; Concordia, 22; Denver, 6; Denver, 26; Des Moines, 6; Detroit, 19; Dodge City, 32; Dubuque, below; Duluth, 14 below; Edmonton, 24; Escanaba, 4 below; Grand Rapids 10; Green Bay, 0; Helena, 26; Huron, below; India Apolis, 4; Kansas City 16; Marquette, 6; Milwaukee, 2; below; Minnedosa, 18 below; Moon, 12; below; North Platte, 28; Omaha, 6; Pueblo, 22; Rapid City, 28; St. Louis, 6; St. Paul, 8 below; St. Paul, 2; Springfield, Ill., 0; Springfield, Mo., 14; Wichita, 26.

GRAND WOLF HUNT.

BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.

ST. LERNE (Ind.) Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] A wolf hunt, in which 200 farmers and others participated, took place today in Gold township, in Bureau county. The hunt resulted in eighteen scalps being secured. The hunters met near Green River, and spread over a vast territory. They formed a great circle, and during the day gradually closed it to its center. Tonight, a dinner is being served in a snowdrift.

HUMAN EXHIBITS.

BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.

MILWAUKEE (Wis.) Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] "That's high enough," sternly remarked Judge Neely to Rosalie Knapp, when the young woman raised her skirts to show the injuries Joseph C. Cowall was alleged to have inflicted upon her ankles with an ax. After exhibit "A" was ruled out of order, exhibit "C," consisting of a black eye, and exhibits "D" and "E," comprising a knucke and a handful of hair, were introduced. Miss Knapp claimed she was assaulted when she asked the defendant to pay his board. He was fined \$25 and costs.

FARMER HANGS BY NECK.

BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.

GREENVILLE (Ill.) Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Circumstances point to foul play in the case of Charles Ehrie, a young farmer, who was found hanging by the neck in a barn on his farm near Greenville yesterday. On the back of Ehrie's head was a wound and an indentation of the skull which the Coroner says was sufficient of itself to cause death. The authorities believe that Ehrie was murdered and then hung up by the neck. The belief is supported by the fact that the only entrance to the building was fastened on the outside.

public interest which was exhibited when Wright was in the United States, or when Parliament deeded him not come within the pale of lawbreakers.

When Messrs. Isaacs and Walton started to make their appeal to the jury, the people woke up to the gravity of the issues concerned, even the government was involved, for it had taken the stand that Wright could not be prosecuted. Furthermore, it was an open secret that many great and even royal names were indirectly involved in the proceedings. Friends of Wright had said, if driven to a corner, he would tell who had profited by his transactions. Suspense reigns in many quarters while counsel for the defense made their appeal, but when the appeal was finished those involved breathed easier and public curiosity remained unsatisfied.

Justice Bigham began summing up today and the courtroom was crowded during several previous sessions. Wright had gone to sleep. He adhered to his conviction that he could not possibly be found guilty and was upon this conviction, that he, against the advice of his lawyers, insisted upon returning to the United States to stand trial. Justice Bigham emphasized the points again. Wright, exhausted by the jury upon him, insisted in issuing misleading sheets and the doubtfulness of the transactions of the London and Globe Financial Corporation, under Wright's guidance, the prisoner was intense interest; yet when his jury retired Wright still retained confidence in his acquittal. He reiterated that he had not done any harm which was not done every day in the city. For an hour Wright waited the verdict, meanwhile talking cheerfully with his counsel, while city magnates, members of the aristocracy and the other spectators who crowded the room, kept their eyes fixed upon the man whose fate hung in the balance.

Wright filed in at 3 o'clock, having shown his first signs of nervousness. Beating through his glasses he leaned forward to catch the foreman's answer. At the word "guilty," which broke the tense expectant silence, Wright did not even flinch but taking his hands deep down into his pockets and gazing rather grimly at his judge, he stood up to receive sentence. The cry of a woman that came from the back of the court and the realization that his career as a man of science and honor was ended. Wright uttered utterly oblivious. He sat down mechanically while Walton made a speech for mercy. As Justice Bigham shrank and removed tones toward Walton, Wright was peremptorily ordered to stand.

Mr. Wright had had an idea that he suffered from an illness which was likely to prove fatal. One rumor says that a bottle of tabloid was found in the dead man's pocket and the suggestion that he had a capsule of prussic acid concealed in the end of the cigar he held when he collapsed has also been made. Many persons, however, are still convinced that Wright had an apoplectic stroke of heart disease, as he was under careful watch from the time his sentence was pronounced and nothing was seen to occur which gives color to the suicide idea.

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RUSSIA GATHERING NEGROES.

BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.

NEW ORLEANS (La.) Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Advice from Franklin, La., states that Russian agents have been making persistent overtures to various parties there with military experience to organize and equip at Russia's expense several regiments of negroes who served in the Spanish-American war, or other suitable negroes, to be used outside the United States, probably Mexico, where they can be mustered into the Russian army for service in the Far East.

THREE DEATHS FROM COLD.

BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.

MARINETTE (Wis.) Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] With a temperature averaging 30 degs. below zero for two days, three deaths occurred in this vicinity, due to the cold. Fred Cudnoff, a cedar worker at Beaver, Wis., became intoxicated, and as the crew rode back to camp they carried him in the wagon and forgot him. He was lifeless when the camp was reached. Ernest Brouette, a woodsman, became lost in the pines near Wausau, Wis., last night, and when found this morning he was so weak from exposure that he died in a few hours. James Carroll, a resident of Harris, Mich., became intoxicated Sunday night and was found the next morning frozen stiff in a snowdrift.

DEMOCRATS AGAINST BRYAN.

BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.

WINACOM (Ind.) Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Prominent Democratic members of Pulaski county township organizations have passed resolutions denouncing Judge Neely to Rosalie Knapp, when the young woman raised her skirts to show the injuries Joseph C. Cowall was alleged to have inflicted upon her ankles with an ax. After exhibit "A" was ruled out of order, exhibit "C," consisting of a black eye, and exhibits "D" and "E," comprising a knucke and a handful of hair, were introduced. Miss Knapp claimed she was assaulted when she asked the defendant to pay his board. He was fined \$25 and costs.

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BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.

CINCINNATI (O.) Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Members of the congregation of the Fifth Presbyterian Church, one of the oldest and best known churches in the city, are circulating a petition asking for the removal of the pastor, Dr. James Wood Clegg. They make no charges against his character, but say that his method and "grand-stand plays" have brought the church into disrepute and decreased the membership and the ability to do good. Pogue is from Kentucky and came here three years ago. It is said the sermons he preaches were grossly indecent in the extreme, and hurt the feelings of many innocent members of the congregation.

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of Los Angeles.McLachlan Pleads With Him,
But in Vain.San Diego Quarantine Sta-
tion—Customs Bill.BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] It is easy enough to start a movement to get an appropriation for public-building operations into an urgent deficiency bill, but it is quite another thing to get it into the bill, as has been discovered already in the case of the Los Angeles Federal building site. Yesterday, Secretary of the Treasury Shaw recommended that the Urgent Deficiency Bill carry an appropriation of \$25,000 for the purpose of purchasing land for the Los Angeles postoffice building, but Representative Hemenway, who is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, refused to permit it, and his word goes in this case.

Representative McLachlan asked Representative Hemenway to allow the item to go into the Urgent Deficiency Bill, and told him the entire circumstances. Mr. Hemenway admitted that Los Angeles had strong claims for immediate consideration; in fact, he said that he had heard no better reasons for granting an appropriation anywhere, but he insisted that he could not permit the appropriation to be put into the Urgent Deficiency Bill because if that were done a set of such appropriations would come in.

It has therefore come down to the proposition of asking Congress to make some changes in the original Los Angeles bill, by taking \$25,000 off the appropriation for the construction of the building and adding that amount to the \$175,000 set aside for the site. But even under this plan, which contemplates no new appropriation from the treasury, it is beginning to appear that there are many pitfalls between the present writing and the date of commencing on the Federal building.

SAN DIEGO QUARANTINE,
FAVORABLE REPORT ON BILL.BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The Senate Naval Affairs Committee today ordered a favorable report on the Senate bill making an appropriation for the removal of the quarantine station at San Diego, and for the acquisition of a new site. Senator Perkins later presented the report in the Senate. It provides that the land on Point Loma now owned by the United States and used as a naval reservation, a strip 300 feet wide fronting on San Diego Bay and extending 1,800 feet west, is to be transferred to the Treasury Department for use as a quarantine station subject to right of way for a military road through it.

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to acquire a strip of submerged land between Portuguese channel and the main channel in San Diego Bay, 700 feet wide, north of the present quarantine station and in front of the north end of the reservation, for the purpose of constructing wharves, detention landing, etc., on piling, and to be considered part of the new site for a quarantine station. All land now occupied as a quarantine station, according to the Pool's map, the pueblo lands of the city of San Diego, together with land lying north and west of these blocks, which were transferred from the Navy to the Treasury Department in 1898, and containing six and one-half acres, to be transferred back to the Navy Department for use as a coaling station, upon completion of the new quarantine station. The bill is approved by the Navy Department.

UNITE CUSTOMS DISTRICTS.
MORE ECONOMIC SERVICE.BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] A large annual saving to the government will result if Congress enacts into law the following provision inserted in the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill, now pending on recommendation of the Treasury Department.

The President is hereby authorized to establish convenient districts for the collection of revenue from customs, and for that purpose may subdivide any State or Territory with in or appurtenant to the United States, or may unite two or more States or Territories within or appurtenant to the United States, or any part or parts thereof, into one district, and may from time to time alter said districts, provided that there shall be no more than one hundred and twenty-three collection districts.

Reference to tables published in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury shows that the cost of maintaining many of the present customs districts is enormously out of proportion to the amount of receipts. Thus at Galena, Ill., it costs \$84,07 to collect one dollar. At Crisfield, Md., it costs \$281.64 to collect one dollar, and there are many more where the cost of collecting a dollar is more than \$100.

POSTOFFICE CONSPIRACY.
TESTIMONY POINTING THERETO.BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.—
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The testimony pointed to the existence of a conspiracy to defraud the government was introduced today by the prosecution in the postal trial. From the moment the proceedings began an adjourned, intense interest was manifested. At the outset the question of the admissibility of the declaration of D. B. Grotto, made to Postoffice Inspector, came up for

further argument. Counsel for the defense vigorously contended that the declarations were not voluntary, but were made under duress, while the government insisted that he had confronted with charges, D. B. Grotto had resorted to evasion, subterfuge and falsehood. The court finally decided that the statement was evidence against D. B. Grotto, but not against the other defendants, and the judge as to whether it was voluntary or not.

Postoffice Inspector Rolfe, Thorpe, McKee, and myself all of whom had interviewed the Grotto prior to their arrest, detailed the circumstances surrounding these conversations. D. B. Grotto, in his own behalf, declared that the inspector called on him, and their manner was overbearing, gruff, and belittling. He said he had been suffering from insomnia at the time and signed the statement upon his being told to him that the inspector had said to him that they wanted to arrest two men, "and if you will give us the information which will convict them we will give you \$100,000 to your ride in the government band wagon, and we will ride with flying colors."

It subsequently was brought out that the \$100,000 was to be paid to the government to represent the Grotto's and payment for which had been held up. Mr. Douglass, for the defense, charged that the whole case was being misconstrued.

Postoffice Inspector Mayer came in for a searching examination and admitted that in an affidavit made by himself referring to an interview he had had with Senator Hemenway, he had denied certain replies made by Grotto, but denied that he resorted to threats in order to elicit the statements from Grotto. Inspector McKee, under a rigid examination, admitted that he had lied to Samuel A. Grotto: "If you are a patriot, come to the rescue of the government at this time." McKee, adding that the conversation generally led to Macmillan as being the suspect, stated "I have a 'take-off' on the letter-box fasteners."

Mr. Mayer had not concluded when he adjourned for the day. The government contended to the contrary, did not close its case today. Prior thereto William Thomas, a business man of this city, testified that Grotto was distinctly heard to say that he was not the author of the statement. Witness said the manner of the inspectors was threatening, "and they came in as though they owned the house."

The declaration was then admitted in evidence against D. B. Grotto, the court instructing the jury that they are not to consider the declaration against the other defendants. Every declaration to which he had signed was a voluntary one.

The main feature of it being the statement, heretofore mentioned, that only D. B. Grotto and Samuel A. Grotto had any interest in the fasteners.

THE CONGRESS.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—SENATE.—Mr. Heyburn of Idaho addressed the Senate on his resolution directing a stay of all proceedings on applications for patent, even-numbered sections of public lands in lieu of odd-numbered sections, lands in the public domain, and in forest reserves. He complained that the present law permits railroads to surrender worthless lands and take up other territory of much greater value. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

An amendment presented yesterday by Mr. Tammam, asking for a reconsideration of the bill, was voted down and the amendment was taken up and passed without debate.

Mr. Stone of Missouri then addressed the Senate on a bill for re-rectifying the boundaries of Oregon. Mr. Tammam announced himself most positively on the silver question.

"Conditions are such that the silver question must be relegated to the rear," he declared, amid continuous Democratic applause.

Mr. Williams explained that he was speaking simply as a Representative of the Eleventh Mississippi District, and for himself alone.

He said as follows:

"That the Committee on Foreign Relations is hereby instructed to investigate and ascertain whether the Argentine Republic is now ready to receive in the United States and subject to our laws aid or promote an insurrection in the Republic of Colombia, and give instructions to our agents in that country to furnish the aid and assistance of our navy in behalf of such insurrection, and whether any officers or any department of the government, or any other person, is authorized to furnish arms to any other person who acts upon the government or the United States cause, and proposed to take in the event of an insurrection."

Mr. Williams did not discuss the merits of the case, but made an appeal for a searching investigation. He would vote for the treaty if it was in the interest of the country. He said the President's attitude would be gratifying to Calhoun and Jefferson Davis, if they were living, and said his political orator could hereafter be justified in making the openly anti-slavery speech.

At 5:47 p.m. the House adjourned until tomorrow.

SOUTH AMERICAN HOMES."

BOGUS PROJECT EXPOSED.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The State Department has received from Consul Major at Buenos Ayres a report dated December 18, 1903, as follows:

"No representations exist in the city of Minneapolis a company with ranch offices throughout the United States; that they are issuing a booklet titled 'Homes for Our People in South America.' The amount of the money, State and national, are becoming action rooms in which governmental and privileges in the Argentine Republic."

"At the Land Office in the capital I have been informed that the Argentine government does not know the company and has made no arrangements with them whatever."

SUPERANNUATED EMPLOYEES.

LEGAL RETIREMENT URGED.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Civil Service Commission, in its report to the President for the fiscal year ended June 30, urged legislation retiring superannuated government employees, it was recommended that Congress pass a law which would make it legitimate for a person of 65 to 70 years of age to receive a pension and benefits for as long as he should live.

The commission noted a continued increase in the observance of the civil service act and rules, and said a few complaints appear to be well-founded. The report makes the following recommendation to the Postoffice investigation Committee:

"As a result of the investigation into the conduct of business in the Postoffice Department, a number of officers and employees of that department have been indicted, and inspection of their classified service shall be based on a condition that they shall provide against their own superannuation or other disability by adequate annuity insurance, the premiums to be deducted from their salaries, and that superannuation and disability annuities for those now in the service should also be provided for, as far as possible, by similar reductions from salaries."

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GERMANY'S DISPLAY.
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Jan. 26.—In the Reichstag, Baron Hayf zu Hirschheim, will be willing to devote himself to outray the express company's exhibit at St. Louis.

of a commission to the condition of arms.

"Germany has already participated at St. Louis to help in making the display."

LOOK UP CLIFF DWELLERS.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.

Jan. 26.—By Asiatic Cabinet and Elder Statesmen, for an extended period to discuss the financial problem of the ruins of some two million dollars is known as "the cliff." About forty-five miles of Price and others, the Canadian Pacific, was referred to a commission to investigate and report.

TURIN LIBRARY BURNED.
TURIN (Italy) Jan. 26.—The university library has been partially destroyed by fire. It is roughly estimated that over 100,000 volumes were burned.

University library was considered one of the finest in Italy.

ATHS AMONG RUSSIANS.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.

YORK, Jan. 26.—An unnamed who holds large commercial interests in Russia, assets, according to dispatch from Berlin, that it is the Far East, the Port of Vladivostok, the Russian troops in Manchuria. Water and supplies are scarce, and the hospital is alleged to be inadequate to the demands.

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**City of Her People Are
Now for War.**

**Japs Sent to Keep
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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.

Jan. 26.—[By Asiatic Cabinet. The Japanese government has finally intimated to Baron de la Russian Minister, that an answer is desired to Japan's note to Russia. It is calculated that the Japanese note reaches Russian capital in the afternoon of January 16, and it is felt that time had elapsed for its conclusion and the preparation of a

The Japanese government is of the possible necessity of the military and naval situation is unwilling to permit eventual delays which are designed to be made.

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BUSINESS.

Business continues quiet. Retailers incline to conservatism in placing orders. Collections are fairly good.

Manipulation of the Chicago wheat market yesterday puzzled the brokers and took the prices of May over 2 cents farther away from the dollar line. May closed at 89¢ 80¢ after heavy purchases. July closed at 81¢. Profit-taking occupied a large part of the attention of the New York stock market.

ANNUAL MIDWINTER NUMBER.
PRICE AND POSTAGE.

The following table shows the price of the Midwinter Number when sold at the Times office. The edition will be sent at city news stands as well as at wire and news agencies, wrapped ready for mailing. The postage will be 4 cents per copy, if news sheets are included, and 4 cents per copy without the news sheets.

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RESCUE AUTHORITY.

There is a world of truth in the remarks of Bishop Johnson, of the Episcopal diocese of Los Angeles, as quoted in The Times yesterday. The bishop was speaking of the Choisner case. "I fear there is a growing tendency to nourish a disrespect for authority and the law," said he. "We see it on all sides and among all classes. The powerful classes set at defiance. Certain newspapers and certain elements in society encourage this tendency. They do all they can to cultivate a contempt for the majesty of the law, upon which we must all rely for protection."

The good bishop is right. There is a distinct tendency toward disrespect for law and authority in this country. It is not merely a mischievous tendency. It is dangerous, and it must be checked at all hazards. The influence responsible for this tendency, more than all other influences, is that of the yellow newspapers and the bitterly partisan press. Publications of this character are constantly scoffing at constituted authority, in one way or another. They do not hesitate to caricature even the President in the most shameful manner. Persons accustomed to seeing the President constantly presented by these crude and vulgar caricatures in an undignified and repulsive light, can certainly not be expected to have their respect for the office increased.

"Aside from this regrettable tendency in some quarters to promote hostility to the law and its representatives," said Bishop Johnson, "I am sorry to notice in most newspapers a flippant way of referring to the law's officers. I would like to see the President, the Governor, and the Mayor always spoken of respectfully for the sake of what they represent. I desire to see the President referred to as 'Teddy.' The practice stimulates disrespect. That boy who addressed the President as 'Teddy' to his face deserved the metaphorical spanking that he received." All this is true, and more than true. As Bishop Johnson further says, most of the newspapers are open to criticism on this score. Even conservative newspapers that respect the law and its representatives are often led into violating the precepts which they seek to impress. This comes about, not infrequently, through the flippancy of inexperienced reporters or the excesses of partisan spirit. It is a bad practice, and is especially so when indulged in by newspapers that make a pretense of conservatism and respectability.

In the United States, the people make the laws. They choose from their midst the officers who are bound by solemn oaths to administer those laws. If the laws are bad, it is the fault of the people who make them. If the officers chosen to execute the laws fail of their duty, let them be deposed and other officers installed in their places. But so long as we have laws in force, those laws should be obeyed. The first requisite to a proper enforcement of obedience to the law is that the law shall be respected and looked up to as the paramount authority of the land. The next requisite is that those who are sworn to administer the law shall be respected as the bearers and agents of the supreme authority vested in the law. The officer who takes upon himself this weighty responsibility enters into a relation, for the time, wholly different from his relations toward the community as an individual. In showing deference to him, and in submitting to the authority which he exercises, we are not showing deference to, nor submitting to the authority of

ternia. As long as it lasts the trek to the westward on the part of those living in the billiard and chisel belt will be continued without a let-up, as is daily evidenced by the passenger lists of the limited and other trains that do not run into our union railway station, because we haven't one. Even without rain, California's climate is quite the greatest thing on earth, as has frequently been remarked by those enjoying its many advantages for the first

The new Chamber of Commerce is to be scrupulous in all its details and appointments, but not more so, we may be sure, than are the deserts of the nervous and resolute men who comprise the personnel of that most efficient working force which will soon be doing business under its own vine and fig tree and among its own turtles, walnut elephants and other striking and picturesque features of a peerless exhibition of the products of a great country.

Los Angeles is grateful to Secretary Shaw for his good offices looking to the construction of a Federal building in this city. As such construction will insure the removal of the dilapidated eyesore on Main street, shortening the distance between the two hills will be filled with one stone and the long-felt want of this metropolis will be adequately filled. Mr. Shaw has taken a position which should insure his absolute solidity with the patriotic An-

gle. In respecting the Choisner, they precipitated their own unfortunate end. Without giving the officers sent to arrest them any opportunity to state their errand, they made a felonious assault upon the officers with deadly weapons, thus obliging the latter to shoot them down in self-defense. If ever a shooting was justifiable, the shooting of the Choisner was so, and this fact has been strikingly emphasized by the lame, abortive and malicious attempts which were made to convict these faithful officers of crime, in connection with the disagreeable part which they were forced to take in the affair. The vindication of these officers is complete and absolute, as every man of sense and decency could it be. The least that could have been done, in honor, was to reinstate them (as has been done) without loss of pay, in the positions from which they were suspended during the official investigation into the affair.

PLACING THE BLAME.

The action of Coroner Traeger of Chicago is taking into custody the Mayor of the city and several of his subordinate officials, as well as the manager of the Iroquois Theater, and several of his subordinates, is entirely logical, and wholly in accord with the requirements of impartial justice.

It appears to be a well-established fact that the Iroquois Theater horror was due in chief part to the non-enforcement of the city ordinances relating to the construction and conduct of theaters and other places of public assemblage. It was, of course, the duty of the theater management—and of the managers of all places of public assemblage—to observe the provisions of the law. On the other hand it was the duty of the Mayor as the responsible head of the city government, and of his subordinate officials, to see that the requirements of the law were observed, in case of failure on the part of the amusement managers to observe its provisions.

Clearly, therefore, if the law was not complied with, the executive officers of the municipal government were culpable, in conjunction with the theater managers and their employes.

In placing the responsibility for this appalling calamity there should be no partiality—and Coroner Traeger evidently determined that there shall be none. He proposes, it seems, "to hew to the line," whether the chips fall in the Mayor's office or in the path of some humble employe of the burned theater. This is right. There should be no shifting of the responsibility to shoulders other than those which ought in justice to bear it.

One fact which makes the neglect of the city officials more culpable, is the fact that the unsafe condition of many of the Chicago playhouses was known to them. There was an investigation of the whole matter some months before the fire, at which the fact was developed that nearly all the theaters of the city had grossly violated and were constantly violating the ordinances. These disclosures should certainly have impelled the Mayor and those under his authority to see to it that the building ordinances were enforced. They neglected to do so, after having obtained a full knowledge of the violations of those ordinances. These facts place upon the city officials a terrible responsibility. It is to be hoped, for their sake, that they will be able to furnish explanations which will redress the recent arrests of Mayor Harrison and others; all of which does not bear the rosy blush of probability, to any great extent.

In the testimony that has been brought out regarding the fire in the Iroquois Theater, Chicago, one would judge that if all those directly or indirectly to blame therefor were to be placed in the pillory the Windy City would need a new set of officials in great part and other trades and occupations would have to be brought in to fill the vacancies caused by the serving of warrants or by service or the convicted in durance vile—provided such service is to be the outcome of the recent arrests of Mayor Harrison and others; all of which does not bear the rosy blush of probability, to any great extent.

The eastern cold wave continues as an excellent advertisement for the various sunshine, blue sky, balmy air and other climatic advantages of Cali-

GREETED BY
OLD FRIENDS.

Lecturer Conwell Fills Auditorium to the Roof.

Talked on Same Theme Three Thousand Times.

How the Soldier-lawyer Became a Preacher.

"Acres of Diamonds" drew a great crowd at Simpson Auditorium last night, filling even the upper gallery.

A surprise awaited the lecturer, Col. Russell H. Conwell, at its close. In the audience were hundreds of old acquaintances from everywhere, who

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MRS. RILEY LOST HER COIN.

And Now She is Working to
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Poolroom Men Say a Plot is
Hidden in it.

Important Baseball Agree-
ment Signed.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Mrs. Minnie Riley lost her fortune betting on the races and now wants the Jockey Club to return her money. Her husband, who died five years ago, left her a fortune of \$25,000. Goff Conklin, the detective and friend of Mrs. Riley, told her story today.

"I know everything about the matter," he said. "I worked up the whole case, and have all the evidence. Mrs. Riley is a friend of mine and I felt sorry for her. After her husband's death, she met the wife of the manager of the race track and she took her to the race track. That was the first time she ever went to the races. It was four years ago."

"Last summer and summer before Mrs. Riley went to the races every day with this lady and she kept a careful and accurate account of every dollar she bet. She always bet \$10 or \$15 on every race and if a 'hunch' was particularly strong, she might let go of \$50."

"Well, she was seldom, always losing, until the last cent was gone. She turned her book, containing her record, over to me. I saw by the papers that Mamie Donohue had sued to recover money lost on the track, and we took the case to her lawyer, Mr. Steinhardt. He will bring suit at once."

Race-track men say that this is simply another attack made by poolroom men on tracks, basing the assertion on the fact that Lawyer Steinhardt is attorney for the poolroom men.

**BERGER A PROFESSIONAL
RUNNING OF THE AMATEURS.**

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Sam Berger, the popular heavyweight, who but recently, after much trouble with the Amateur Athletic Union in the East, was reinstated in the amateur ranks, no longer can enjoy that privilege, for he must now fight as a professional, or not don the shorts at all. This is the ruling of the Registration Committee of the Pacific Amateur Association. This ruling not only deals a blow to the ex-sparring champion of Fitzsimmons, but embraces every one of the fighters who took part in the recent so-called amateur affair of the Lincoln Club, which organization has long deceived the amateur association.

The Registration Committee, which blacklisted the fighters, composed of Herbert Hauser, George James and Thomas Harris, have learned almost positively that many of those who took part received money, and that Berger's share was over \$1000.

BIDDY BISHOP'S LETTER.

(BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Biddy Bishop has received a letter from William Nolan, pugilistic manager at Butte, offering him a match with Jack Root at catch weights. Bishop at once accepted the proposition. He will sign articles just as soon as they arrive. He requested that the date be set for the earliest possible moment.

Biddy is confident that Woods can beat Root. Although the colored man is much the lighter of the two, he will give away weight and depend upon winning through the aid of his superior hitting powers and excessive speed. He will be a severe cold at present, but hopes to round to form so as to be able to start training in a short time.

BASEBALL AGREEMENT.

FIVE IMPORTANT PROPOSITIONS.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.)
MILWAUKEE (Wis.), Jan. 26.—The Daily News today reported that charter members of the American Legion (Baseball) Association yesterday signed an agreement, it is officially announced today by President Dale Gear of the Kansas City Club, the points of which are as follows:

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and Milwaukee will not be dropped from the American association for at least eight years.

The signers of the agreement are Milwaukee, St. Paul, Louisville, Indianapolis and Kansas City.

AMATEUR SKATERS.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Fifteen cities were represented at the annual meeting of the National Amateur Skating Association, just held in Brooklyn. It was decided to make war on the Amateur Hockey League next year in an effort to secure control of the hockey championship next year national, instead of an intercity competition, as it now is.

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PROMISES WELL.**

**TROPHY EVENTS WILL BE SHOT
OFF BOTH DAYS.**

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Most of the preliminary details for the coming two days' tournament of the reorganized Los Angeles Gun Club were agreed upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee held Monday night.

As was expected, the event will be a handicap affair. The best shot will have to start back one twenty yards, the others being set back twenty yards, to their ability, the beginners being put at fourteen yards. This arrangement has proved satisfactory to all concerned, and it is thought there will be no difficulty in making a classification satisfactory for all.

Secretary Van Valkenburg expects to soon close terms with a man and his wife who desire to live upon the property, in the case of a will be put down on the grounds.

Contrary to the former custom the committee has decided to split up the handicap system of shooting them all off the last day. The handicap system will start toward the securing of \$200 added money for the two days' event, and Secretary Van Valkenburg is sure the sum will be raised. It would prove a great attraction to the individual championship diamond medal now held by Fred B. Mills of Balsa, the 100-yard championship and a big merchandise show will be held.

The medal is a 50-yard event; the merchandise shoot will be 25, and enough prizes will be secured to give everyone a chance to win something.

The members of the club have been steadily increasing, and the organizers are well pleased with the prospect.

TRY-OUT TODAY.

TRACKMEN, BUSY.

This afternoon at Agricultural Park a sort of informal field day will be held by the High School lads. It is in the nature of a try-out, and practically all the candidates for the various events will be in attendance.

The boys have been doing well in their practice and are confident a strong team can be put out.

The baseball players at the High School are now having their trials. The team of last year has been reorganized, and the vacancies left by radars have been filled. There are 15 of them, and it is thought probably he will be replaced satisfactorily.

Kidder is trying for the position and another, the old pitchers, are on board. The try-outs are thought to be sufficient guarantee that the team will be at least as good as last season. Nightly practice at Pleasant Park has been the rule this week.

SPINKS THE WINNER.

FIVE BILLIARDS SHOWN.

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PUBLIC SERVICE.—OFFICIAL DOINGS

SUMMARY OF THE DAY.
Detectives Cowen, Murphy and Hawley were reinstated by the Police Commission yesterday.

The Council passed an ordinance yesterday formally selling the \$1,000,000 issue of water bonds.

Citizens of Cahuenga Valley presented an address to voters yesterday regarding the bonds.

Theater licenses were reduced by the Council yesterday.

The Civil Service Commission reported the result of the recent examinations yesterday.

Mayor Snyder yesterday signed up the youngest bank stockholder in the world.

There promises to be a tangle-up in the courts over the identity of Charles E. Underwood. One of that name married last Sunday at Long Beach, and yesterday another woman appeared on the scene claiming that she was Mrs. Underwood.

The sensational suit of Grant Burkert against Hector Zahn and Mrs. Frances Zahn to recover \$35,000 for the alienation of his wife's affections, was dismissed in Judge Trask's court at the last moment.

Judge Wilbur has straightened out the tangle of wives in the matter of the estate of the late W. R. Lowry.

AT THE CITY HALL.
DETECTIVES
REINSTATED.

POLICE COMMISSION PROMPTLY TAKES ACTION.

Cowen, Murphy and Hawley Put Back on the Force and Will Receive Pay from the Cots of Their Suspension—No Debate on the Shooting Before the Board.

Detectives Cowen, Murphy and Hawley were promptly reinstated by the Police Commission yesterday morning. There was no debate. All the members of the board were impressed with the strong, clear and lucid decision rendered by Judge Chambers in the Police Court, and they were thoroughly convinced that there was no occasion for further inquiry into the circumstances of the unfortunate shooting at the Brookside home last December.

The Mayor's view that "when a man's acquitted, he's acquitted" was typical of the sentiments of other members of the commission.

As an indication that the general public know no other course was open to the police commission, no vote was taken. After waiting a few minutes for a quorum of commissioners, Craig and Lang, Mayor Snyder called the session to order, and with Commissioners Keneey and Keneey transacted the usual business with expedition.

Just before adjournment Commissioner Rule said:

"In view of the recent decision rendered by the Honors Cowen, Murphy and Hawley, I move that they be reinstated as of the date of their suspension."

"That is satisfactory to me," said Keneey, who maintained the reinstatement to come from the date of suspension.

"The motion is carried unanimously," announced the Mayor a moment later.

There was no further reference to the case made during the session. Attorneys Brown and LeCompte Davis were the only spectators specially interested in the action of the commission, and they immediately left the room.

"A reading that convincing decision of Judge Chambers," said Mayor Snyder, later. "I don't see how anybody, however prejudiced, could ask the Police Commission to throw an officer out of the service for a long, tedious hearing, and vindication of the officers. No good purpose would be served by it, and it was never the intention of this body to interfere in any way the decision of the court."

Apparently the Choisser shooting is a closed incident. The detectives, it was said, should be coming to a short in defense of their act, and the sentiment of the Police Commission's yesterday that the officers would have been open to censure as inefficient guardians of the law if they had not acted as they did.

NO BILLIARDS.

The citizens of Boyle Heights triumphed yesterday in the crusade to prevent W. F. Northup from establishing a billiard room at No. 1432 East First street. The Police Commission refused the permit.

But before so doing Commissioner Burd, the young people of Boyle Heights a little lecture. He said as though all the furor over the billiard room was short-sighted and foolish.

"In fairness, I was to say he has been the people of Boyle Heights have taken the wrong course in this matter. Billiards and pool are innocent amusements, and if the young men of that section are not permitted to have them, they will go elsewhere. They will come to the city parks, which are often near places that are really vicious and certainly harmful. However, as the residents of East First street have got a permit, I think they know what they want. I will move that the permit be denied. I do not wish in an official capacity to run counter to the wishes of the people."

The permit was then unanimously denied.

Requisition was made on the Civil Service Commission for twenty-nine days, and the commissioners adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 11 o'clock to examine the men certified by the former body.

John Henry Hooper and N. H. Mullis were appointed special policemen without pay from the city.

BOND ORDINANCE.

SALE OF SEWER SECURITIES.

Another step in the sale of the sewer bonds was taken by the Council yesterday afternoon, when the formal ordinance of sale was adopted awarding the bonds to the syndicate of local banks that recently purchased the securities.

Another session of the Council will be held this afternoon at which time it is expected that action will be taken on the bonds for money will be made.

The bonds bear 3 per cent. interest, and are forty-year serials—fortieth of the principal matures each year.

The premiums for the bonds have been approved by Dillier & Hubbell, New York bond experts, and there is nothing to prevent the final transfer of the bonds and the money.

An agreement has been reached by the banks regarding what bonds of the cities they will take, and the ordinance distributes them as follows:

Farmers and Merchants' National Bank, \$100,000, last bonds maturing in 1903; Security Savings Bank, \$100,000,

maturing in 1915; National Bank of California, \$100,000, maturing in 1919; Merchants' National Bank, \$100,000, maturing in 1923; American Nations Bank, \$100,000, maturing in 1927; Bank and Trust Company, \$100,000, maturing in 1931; Union Bank of Savings, \$100,000, maturing in 1935; State Bank and Trust Company, \$100,000, maturing in 1940; Central Bank, \$200,000, maturing in 1945; and Los Angeles Trust Company, \$500,000, last bonds maturing in 1942.

CIVIL SERVICE.
EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The results of a number of examinations given by the Civil Service Commission yesterday at the regular session were announced at the regular session yesterday. Some of the examination papers have not been reviewed as yet by the board, while those turned in by applicants for the position of City Chemist were sent to the State University for marking. The results of all examinations will probably be known next week, as was reported yesterday were as follows:

Filed collector, water department: Robert J. Garden, 84 per cent; James C. Miller, 83; John A. Wright, 83; Patrick H. Green, 82; John C. Hodges, 82; Calvin E. Nye, 82; Frank S. Bailey, 87; Henry H. Green, 88; Charles R. Cowen, 85; Charles H. Coulter, 85; Harry A. Hopkins, 88; Albert J. Johnson, 88; William C. Bill, 88; Thomas L. Tucker, 82; William R. Gason, 79; Albert E. Urnston, 77. Bill clerks, water department: Francisco Lopez, 75.

Rate collector, water department: James B. Dunlap, 88; Oscar P. Stevenson, 85.

Asphalt workers, street department: T. V. Barta, 81.

Interior street sweeping: Brock H. Hudson, 87.

Lineman, electrical department: Ralph B. Forster, 79; S. D. Voorhees, 75.

Inspector street sprinkling: C. P. La Hoz, 78.

Assistant electrical inspector: Thomas F. Force, 78.

Clark electrical department: Edwin F. Peck, 77.

Waterworks tender, water department: Andrew Dugan, 89; William Wallace Sheldon, 92.

Office collector, water department: J. A. Winkler, 85; Charles L. Brimhall, 88.

Carpenter, street department: S. H. Kellogg, 96; W. S. Bellows, 91; L. A. Major, 88.

Cashier, water department: J. Adams, 88; H. M. Wadsworth, 88; J. E. W. Ash, 85; F. L. Patterson, 84; H. H. Armbrust, 82.

Gutter layer, street department: O. W. Friesen, 82; Dooh, 81; L. Jones, 85; O. W. Friesen, 82.

Guard, chain gang: E. W. Dorsey, 88; J. Hirsch, 87; J. Ballastros, 78.

Patrolmen, police department: George E. Morris, 80; J. Hostick, 87; C. E. Johnson, 82; W. V. O'Brien, 82; T. F. O'Brien, 81; F. P. Bartlett, 80; A. E. Adams, 80; E. Kinsaid, 77.

At the request of the City Assessor that the city would instruct to certify the names of twelve persons for appointment. The names of two drivers and one horseman will also be sent to the prosecution in establishing the motive of the killing.

CURIOUS SUIT.

MAIL BAG ACCIDENT.

A mail bag thrown from a moving train has made John Goldsworth an invalid for life, according to the allegations of his damage suit against the Santa Fe.

It came to trial yesterday before United States District Judge Elwell Bernhard and a jury. Mr. Goldsworth demands \$85,000.

The accident was a most curious one.

Goldsworth is an old resident here, one of the early and mining engineers of Los Angeles. Three months ago, when this accident happened, he was in Danby, San Bernardino county, when he got a train ticket to Los Angeles. They were strange to their surroundings evidently and had to ask their way about to the different offices of the Public Administrator. Miss Goldsworth, his wife, was in the station, and when she asked him what he was doing, he said he was a traveling reporter.

"Oh, nothing very much—that is, in one way. I'm only his wife, and I was in one way to know where I stood in the matter."

The official was at first dumbfounded by the matter-of-fact way in which the woman spoke, but he rallied and asked her the question again.

"Only this," was the candid reply: "that while I don't object to my husband getting a divorce and marrying again if he wants to, at least I'd like to know who he is going to marry."

He knew that his wife was a widow.

"I'm getting ready to begin divorce proceedings myself. I have an attorney and he is drawing up the papers for me."

That was a philosophical and economical way of looking at it that did not strike the Courthouse official, but he gave further aid in the matter of the divorce.

At the trial, the court was asked to

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FINES PAID PROMPTLY.

"BLIND PIGS" EYES OPENED.

The keepers of the road houses along the Fernando road, who had been selling liquor under cover, and who were pleasantly advered to in The Times yesterday, were all arrested and made to face the music in a police court.

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POPULAR PRICES.

BUSINESS.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL OFFICE OF THE TIMES, Los Angeles, Jan. 26, 1904.

FINANCIAL

New clearings today were \$853,180.22, \$850,966.12 in 1903, and \$832,18.16 in 1902.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET. All the latest writers seem to agree that the money which has been in evidence in money markets has been relieved. The money is easier than for some time. Proposals for \$100,000,000 in corporate bonds of the City of New York were recently made and the bids aggregated \$90,000,000, averaging 100.00. This is considered a fair price, although the market is not yet at par. It is generally believed that it will be easy for some time and there is considerable time for choice mercantile paper.

COMMERCIAL. The situation in New York is interesting. There is a disposition to believe that the railroads will be on the market again in the State of Iowa about January 25 per cent. delivered.

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we offer tomorrow consists of our samples that should have arrived. In order to get it our spring lines come we have made up would be necessary. The better class qualities are rough among the lot are some of the we have over shown. Work, cambric, long-lap, lawn and trimmings in handsome lace and bordering—the most certain you inspect the garments you will appreciate the value.

from 10c to \$2.00.

5c to \$2.00.

35c to \$3.50.

20c to \$1.50.

50c to \$4.50.

not in case more than two garments in many cases in case this matter is not

(Thursday) Morning, (Thursday) at 8:30.

about the middle of the month, only five were accepted, and an average of forty was offered.

and a recess was then taken at 10 o'clock this morning. The case has been excused until 11 o'clock afternoon.

M. L. Hutchinson, Esq., the defendant, is very well known in the City and District Attorney's office, Frederickson, who are his attorneys.

Nearly all of the names of the jury yesterday had read news of the trials of the crusade against the railroads, and had decided to postpone the trial to the date has been set for the trial for the corresponding year.

Total western pack for the week \$80,000, compared with the preceding week \$74,000.

Total pack for the corresponding year was \$55,000. From November to January the total pack is \$1,510,000, compared with a year ago \$1,400,000.

Price has declined slightly, and average for prominent markets about \$4.75 per 100 pounds.

with \$4.20 a week ago.

WILD BEEF—Per box, 1.25¢.

PEARS—Per box, 1.25¢.

Fresh Meats.

LARD—Per lb., silver leaf, tapers, 12c.

BAKED—Per lb., bacon, 14c.

HAMS—Per lb., bacon, 14c.

PORK—Per lb., bacon, 14c.

BAKED BEEF—Inside, 1.25¢.

PICKLED PORK—Per lb., 1.25¢.

LACON—Per lb., bacon, 12c.

WILD BEEF—Per box, 1.25¢.

Hay and Grain.

DUCKS—Per doz., 2.25¢.

EGGS—Per dozen, 2.25¢.

GOATS—Per lb., 1.25¢.

COH—Per lb., 1.25¢.

CORN—Per lb., 1.25¢.

HAY—Lancashire, 1.25¢.

Affiliate, 1.25¢.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

SHARES AND MONEY.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Today's stock market had about a considerable volume of profit-taking again, and especially during the early part of the day. There was no eagerness to sell, and the market was held in the market released into the doldrums, which was characteristic previous to the upward movement.

The market seemed to be waiting for a fresh start, and the leaders of the rise, as the outside public remains conspicuous by their absence.

The restriction of the day's business, but the sales for long accounts from that cause were not so great as the average.

gross earnings for the third week in January now equal to the average of the last year's corresponding period is fairly maintained.

The American Chronicle also notes a progressive decline in the ratio of increase of gross earnings to the average of the last year's corresponding period.

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